



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

January 27, 2010

Honorable Kerri L. Briggs
Superintendent of Education
District of Columbia Office of Education
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 350 North
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Superintendent Briggs:

The Department of Education has evaluated your proposed teacher shortage areas pursuant to Section 428 (b)(4)(B) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

The federal designation of teacher shortage areas in the District of Columbia under:

- 34 CFR 682.210(q) enables a borrower *who had no outstanding Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loan on July 1, 1987 but who had an outstanding FFEL Program loan on July 1, 1993* to qualify for deferment of loan repayment under the Federal Stafford Program *anytime within the life of the borrower's loan(s)*;
- 34 CFR 674.53(c) enables Federal Perkins Loan borrowers who are full time teachers of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education **or any other field of expertise where the State educational agency determined there is a shortage of qualified teachers** to qualify for cancellation of up to 100% of their loan;
- 34 CFR 686.12(d) enables grant recipients to fulfill their teaching obligation under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program; and
- 34 CFR 653.50(a)(2)(ii) enables scholars to qualify for the reduction of teaching obligation under the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program.

In response to your submission, the Department has designated the following areas as teacher shortage areas during the 2010-11 school year:

Art	Home Economics
Business Education	Mathematics
Early Childhood	Music
Elementary	Reading
English	Science
English as a Second Language	Social Studies
Foreign Languages	Special Education
Health & Physical Education	Technology

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Please refer Federal Stafford/SLS borrowers who have questions concerning their loans, including the teacher shortage area deferment, to the Federal Student Aid Hotline at 1-800-4FED-AID; refer Federal Perkins Loan borrowers to the school where they received the loan; and refer Douglas Scholars to the State agency that awarded the scholarship.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary A. Miller at (202) 502-7824 or via e-mail at mary.miller@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David A. Bergeron", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David A. Bergeron
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Policy, Planning, & Innovation

cc: Erika Lomax